

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH

RAJYA SABHA
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INTEGRATED AYUSH HEALTH RESEARCH

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Will the Minister of Ayush be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of MoU signed between ICMR and the Ministry;
- (b) the details of budgetary expenditure for this integration and establishment of AYUSH-ICMR centers for advanced research; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to integrate AYUSH into mainstream public health service delivery?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a)&(b)

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the Ministry of Ayush and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on 11-05-2023 to promote and develop cooperation and collaboration on health research between M/o Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to:-

- i. Explore the areas of collaboration, convergence and synergy between M/o Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for integrative health research.
- ii. Strengthening research capacity between M/o Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- iii. Inclusion of research on Integrative Medicine in the "National ethical guidelines for biomedical and health research involving human participants" by ICMR-DHR.
- iv. Capacity building of the Ayush Researchers.

To undertake the above mentioned identified activities, there is a Joint-funding mechanism

with fifty percent equal sharing of funds between the Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the Memorandum of Agreement.

The proposals to establish Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) at All India Institutes of Medical Science (AIIMS) under Extramural Program has been called by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in October 2023.

(c)

- i. Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has jointly constituted a working group under the co-chairmanship of Hon'ble Ayush Minister and Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare Minister to facilitate and resolve the issues for the integration of the Ayush system and main public health care system.
- ii. Government of India has adopted a strategy of Co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), thus enabling the choice to the patients for different systems of medicines under a single window. The engagement of Ayush doctors/ paramedics and their training is supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under National Health Mission (NHM), while the support for Ayush infrastructure, equipment/ furniture and medicines are provided by the Ministry of Ayush under National Ayush Mission (NAM) as shared responsibilities.
- iii. Ministry of Ayush is implementing the operationalization of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs) under Ayushman Bharat as a component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through State/UT Governments with an objective to establish a holistic wellness model based on Ayush principles and practices. Under NAM, as per the proposals received from State/UT Governments through their State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), 12,500 units of existing Ayush dispensaries and Sub-centers have been approved to be upgraded as AHWCs in the State/UT Governments.
- iv. Integration of Ayurveda through All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)-New Delhi is being implemented at Safdarjung Hospital- New Delhi, AIIMS- Jhajjar, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand and Arogya Van, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia Forest Division, Statue of Unity area Development and Tourism Governance Authority (SoUADTGA), Gujarat. The institute has also implemented Centre for Integrative Ayush Therapy (Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy), Cancer Care, Dentistry, Critical Care & Emergency Medicine, Orthopaedics, Dietetics and Nutrition. Likewise, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata provides Homoeopathic consultation at

Centenary Hospital, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata along with mainstream medicine.

- v. Total of 107 Ayush Dispensaries/units are functioning under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- vi. The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has conducted feasibility studies for integration of Ayurvedic treatment in management of Osteoarthritis, National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS), Reproductive and Child Health (RCH).
- vii. The Ministry of Ayush has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Defence for:-
 - a) Integration of Ayurveda /Ayush under the health establishments in Cantonment Board Hospital/Dispensaries under Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) as an OPD service and under this Memorandum of Understanding 37 Ayurveda OPD's are established in various Cantonment Board Hospitals/Dispensaries.
 - b) Extending the service of Ayurveda in the health establishments in Ministry of Defence (MoD)/ Directorate General Armed Force Medical Services (DGAFMS) as OPD services and under this Memorandum of Understanding 12 Ayurveda units are established in Service hospitals under the Armed Forces Medical Services.
 - c) Integration of Ayurveda in 10 Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinic as an OPD service.
- viii. As per the annual report 2021-2022 of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Ministry of Labour and Employment, total of 358 Ayush units are functioning in Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)/Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) hospitals and dispensaries.
- ix. Ministry of Ayush has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to extend the services of Ayush in the health establishments in 12 Major ports.